

# RAILROADS PLEDGE AID IN ENFORCING OF STATE COMPENSATION LAW

Representatives of Eight Carriers Meet Board Members Here and Discuss Statute

## DISCRIMINATION DENIED

Will Not Bar Married Men, but Decide to Conduct Own Insurance System

The Workmen's Compensation Board met representatives of eight railroads in the Adelphi Hotel last night and received assurances that these corporations would co-operate with the board in enforcing the new act.

They denied that it was their intention to discriminate in favor of single men because they would receive smaller damages in case of accident than married men. It was announced that the railroads had been carefully considering the new law and would soon complete a plan of insurance to meet its requirements.

The railroads and their representatives were: Pennsylvania Railroad, John C. Roper, chief claim agent; Central Railroad of New Jersey, Charles E. Miller, claims attorney; Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh, J. R. Hockwell, general agent; New York Central, Frank V. Whitting, claims attorney; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, William C. Wilson, claims attorney; Lehigh Valley, B. F. La Rue, assistant general solicitor. The approval of the Philadelphia and Reading was communicated to the board from Captain W. C. Briater, chief claim agent, and the Baltimore and Ohio, from C. W. Egan, general claim agent. The latter two were unable to be present.

DENY ANY DISCRIMINATION. In an effort to counteract a prevailing belief among the employees of the railroad companies that a general discrimination would follow the enforcement of the compensation act as regards to married men, members of the committee questioned the railroad representatives at length. The answers indicated no discrimination was planned or would take place, and that the railroad companies intended going along with the State board in a congenial manner, with the carrying out of the law to the letter in view every minute.

"Under no circumstances will there be the slightest discrimination against employees," Mr. Roper said, "so far as the Pennsylvania Railroad is concerned, and I feel sure that my colleagues feel as I do."

In this direction Mr. Wilson, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, said: "All railroad companies recognize that a married man is more dependent than a single man and that a man of family is more steady and a better worker than a man without home ties. So why should we even think of discrimination?"

The men representing the railroads were granted permission to evade some of the technical questions as regards finances by the board, as it was believed a reference to the annual reports of railroad companies was sufficient in answering the questions of finances on hand and investments as the blank requires.

Mr. Miller, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, complimented the board on its manner of conducting its affairs, and took time to point out that the breaking down of the good law passed by the New York State Legislature was undermined and lost its effect because of the harsh methods of the first board appointed by the Governor of New York, that resulted in the appointment of a new committee that now follows more of a businesslike and friendly course.

Senator Clarence J. Buckman, of Langhorne, Pa., represented the Casual Reciprocal Exchange and the Employers' Indemnity Exchange, which were approved as carriers of compensation insurance. The former company operates among brewers, bakers and ice dealers, while the latter carries laundry employees.

Following the meeting between the board and the railroad men the Philadelphia Claim Men's Association gave a banquet at which the members of the commission and railroad officials were present. Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Compensation Board, told the diners that the compensation law meant fair play to capital and labor and did not stand for confiscation of property, but to cause a co-operation between the employer and employee. He said officers soon would be named in Philadelphia, where all could learn the purpose of the law and where inquiries would receive immediate attention.



GENERAL HWANG HSING

A leader of the Chinese revolution, who says that China will not accept a monarchy, General Hwang Hsing lives in exile in Media and admits that the reason he does not return to China is that there is a casket waiting for his head beside the executioner's block. He was first President of China.

## EXILED PRESIDENT OF CHINA, NOW HERE, SEES REVOLUTION

Before Blazing Logs in Little Stone House at Media, Republic's First Leader Attacks Yuan Shi-kai

WOULD TAKE UP SWORD

"The moment the President of China mounts the throne and proclaims himself imperial monarch of the country he will find himself the centre of such a revolutionary carnage and riot as the world has never seen. China has not known Republicanism such as it now has for 500 years, and it will battle to the last gasp if the last of one man, President Yuan Shi-kai, attempts to wind it down once more under the despotic heel of monarchy."

Fire glowed in his patriotic eyes. His hands, maimed by the furious slash of an Oriental cutlass, clenched as a strange and lonely man uttered these words today before blazing logs of a little stone house in Media. There is little in the small home, surrounded by a tall hedge and nearly hidden with snow, or in the cozy interior, to suggest the setting for a man who, by the might of his own brain and the revolting arms of his followers, struck off in 100 days the shackles of centuries of oppression and whom millions of his fellow-countrymen would joyfully hail in its present crisis as the savior of China. Yet here is exiled General Hwang Hsing, first president of China and leader of the Chinese revolution, with his wife and little boy, together with a few faithful members of his former staff. He who once ruled more than a quarter of the earth's population dare not yet return to his native land for fear of the executioner's axe. A price is on his head.

CALLS YUAN SHI-KAI BETRAYER. "Yuan Shi-kai, now President of China, betrayed me," said General Hsing. "He is a wicked knave, and his plan to be-

come monarch of the land is such an open farce that I do not see how it can possibly succeed. He has played every one false. After my armies had conquered China and I, just elected President of the new republic, held them ready to cross the Yellow River in the final march on Peking to wipe out the Manchus forever Yuan Shi-kai, then their Prime Minister, sent a frantic message to me to refrain from further bloodshed.

"He said it would do no good, and that by his own power he would promise to oust the Manchus from the throne if we would make him president of the Republic. Negotiations continued a long time, and when I was convinced of Yuan Shi-kai's sincerity, I gladly turned over my high office to him. He swore by Republicanism, and I had no aspirations for myself, only for my countrymen. Now, this traitor has played them false. I believe he had his plan from the first. He made himself President for life and now he would be monarch. He has used all his power to wipe out the very ideals he swore to uphold."

"He has done great things for China, has he not? He has borrowed for her the great reconstruction loan of \$125,000,000, and this he has squandered without a thing to show for it except the debt which China must pay. He has wiped out every body and every office that was republican in idea and might hinder his eventual march to a throne. He is a murderer. I myself was going with the Hon. Sung Chuanjen, the foremost parliamentarian of the Orient, to the railroad station at Shanghai when an assassin broke from the crowd and shot my companion dead on my arm. He had no chance for more or I doubt not I would have fallen, too. By a series of letters and proofs I fastened absolutely on the President the guilt of this crime, and when I would not listen to his whines to cease from prosecution, would-be assassins so harassed me that I fled the city for my life. Today every citizen of China who has influence and clings to republicanism openly is either summarily shot right on the street, or if he escapes, is lured back by promises of a pardon, and when he comes is promptly executed."

BULLETS WAIT FOR HIM

"There are bullets itching for Yuan Shi-kai, but he hides in the depths of his palace at Peking and will not come out. He trusts less than six men and few have seen him. The people are in abject terror of the silent knives in the hands of his murderers. Now, while he does not fear intervention from other nations who have troubles of their own, he has sent delegates to the length and breadth of the land, who no doubt had a nice sightseeing trip, reported to the respective viceroys, and found by some unknown means that the people, who fought so bitterly to cast off the yoke of monarchy, and who rejoiced with such abandon at the first taste of republicanism, now suddenly wish to go down absolutely, forever and ever, under the heel of one man and his family, whom they detest and utterly fear. Do you not see what a farce is his proclamation that the people want him to be monarch?"

"Some say idly China is not prepared for republicanism. But I, who have given my life to her, who have known her, studied her and loved her, say she is better prepared than any nation. She had a per-

fect republic in 2500 B. C. She was crushed, but you will see the flower if you will give her a chance. The only kindergarten of a democracy is a democracy. Give China her opportunity. Do not judge her by Yuan Shi-kai and his 32 children."

"One of your learned professors has said that there would be riot and revolution at every change of president. But in this country there is no carnage over a new president. Why should there be in China? Another article said that Japan was at the bottom of the shift back to monarchy. Yuan Shi-kai made overtures to Japan at first. It is true, but he was soon spurned and Japan now opposes the change the same as does England and Russia."

"I believe another revolution is imminent. If Yuan Shi-kai tries to mount the throne in January, as he says, there will be war then. I led a forlorn hope before. Once only three of my little band escaped and an imperial in a dirty yellow tunic, smiling the general wanly, showing a shattered hand, 'nearly chopped my hand in two with a sword when they left me for dead. I have given the best of my life for China. I won't accept the presidency again, but when war comes I will take my sword again and give my last breath to put in office a good man, to scotch this traitor Yuan Shi-kai, and give my country what I believe and know it wants, a free republican government."

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Physicians and nurses at the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital are mystified over the strange case of Frank Lesch, 25 years old, of 111 West Cumberland street, who is suffering from an affliction which has completely deprived him of his speech. He has uttered only three words since being taken to the hospital.

Lesch was taken ill yesterday in the restaurant of G. C. Franklin, 1434 West Cumberland street, where he is employed, and was removed to the hospital in a police patrol. At the institution physicians were unable to diagnose his case and he was put in the observation ward. Early today he got out of bed and wandered around the hospital corridors, and when a nurse attempted to take him back to the ward he attempted to bite her, it is alleged.

He finally was strapped to a bed by attendants, who declared that he had uttered three words, "I'm not crazy," and then lost all power of speech again.

## WILL DEMAND "L" LINE

Mass-Meeting Tonight in Behalf of Woodland Avenue Spur

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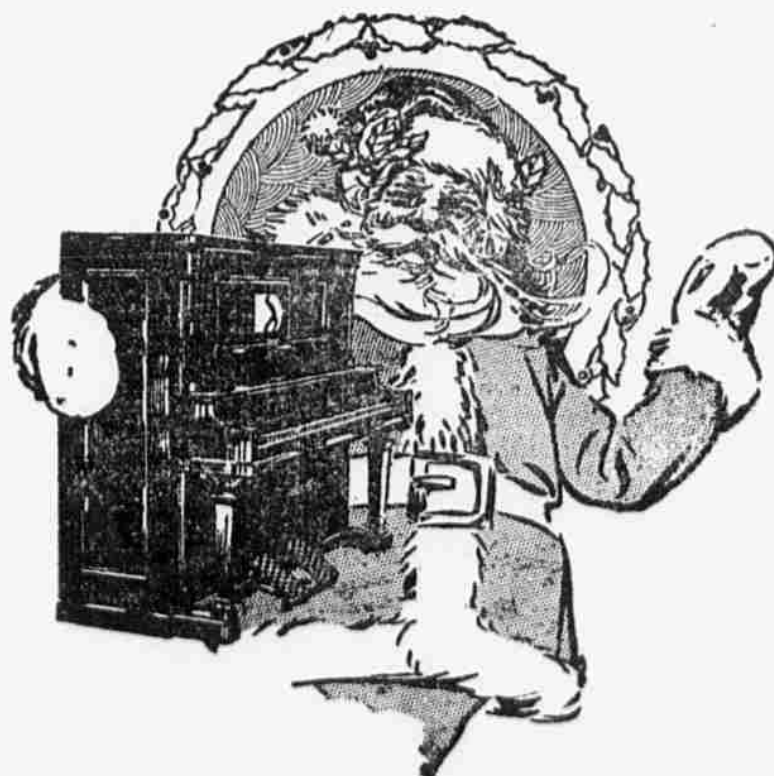
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